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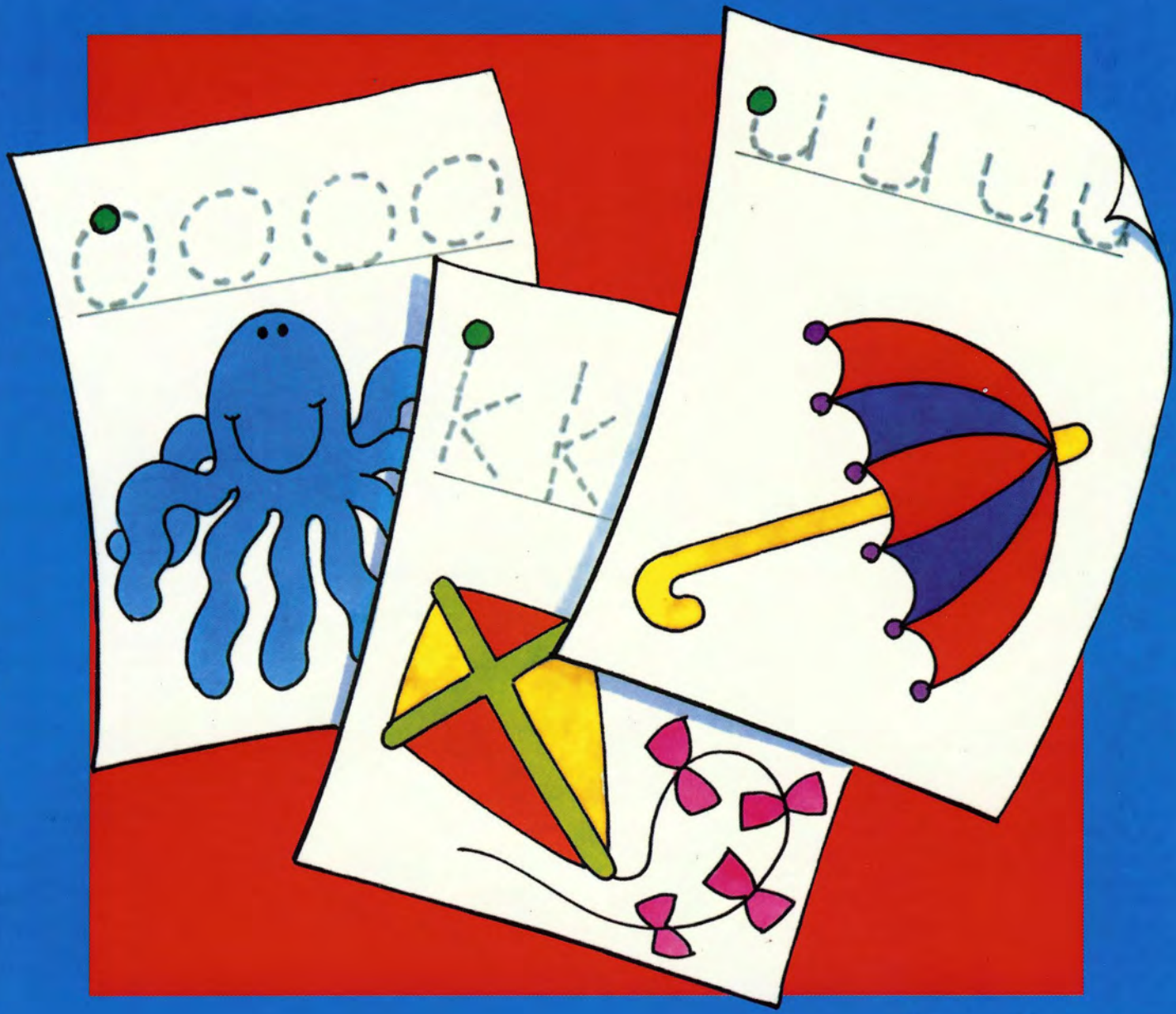
SERIES 2

Learning at Home

Writing



Age 4+

Note to parents

Good handwriting is important, and if it is approached correctly in the early stages your child stands a good chance of going on to develop an easy, fluent and legible style of writing later on. This book will help you to help your child to make a good start.

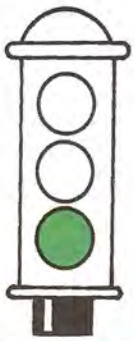
All the exercises can be repeated again and again on scraps of paper if your child is enjoying learning to write. Provide a range of coloured crayons and pencils and help your child with the instructions given on each page. Pencils are better once the child has progressed to actual letter formation.

Hand and eye movement from left to right is not a natural habit and it is something which young children have to learn.

Movement from LEFT to RIGHT and from the TOP of the page to the BOTTOM is a feature of all the exercises and patterns in this book and is VERY IMPORTANT to both reading and writing. In the exercises on letter formation, it is equally important that the child begins to draw a letter from the correct starting point. To help with this, a green spot shows the starting point for each exercise in this book.

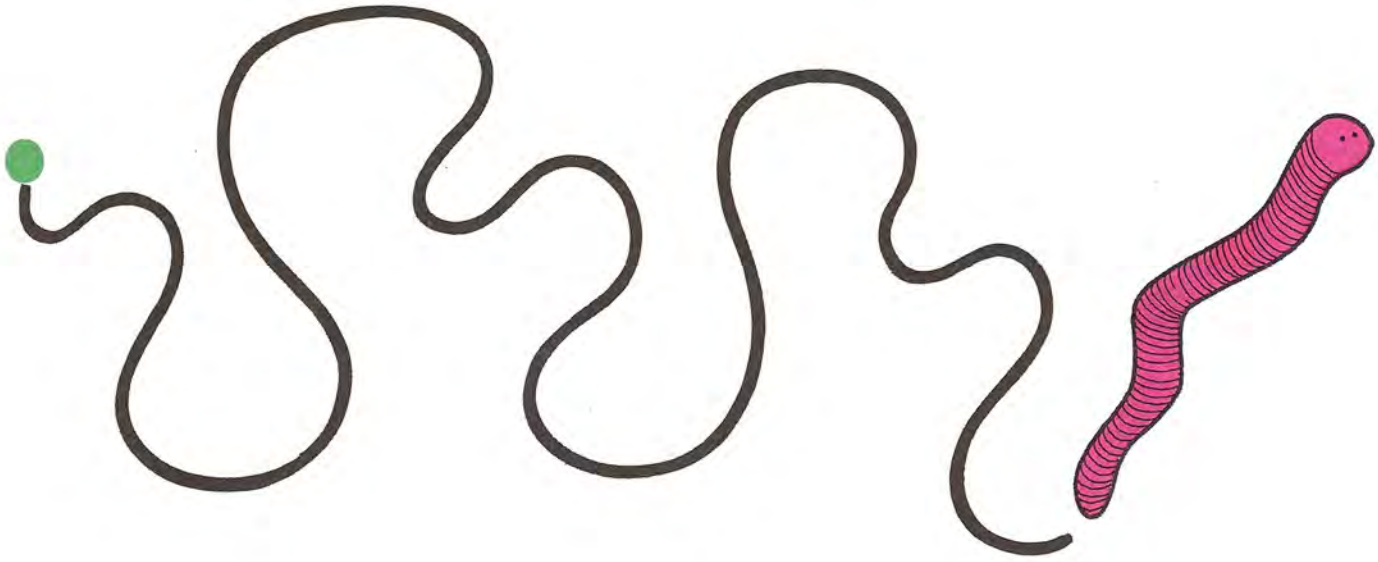
Remember – green means **go!**

Put your pencil or crayon on the
green spot before you start to draw.

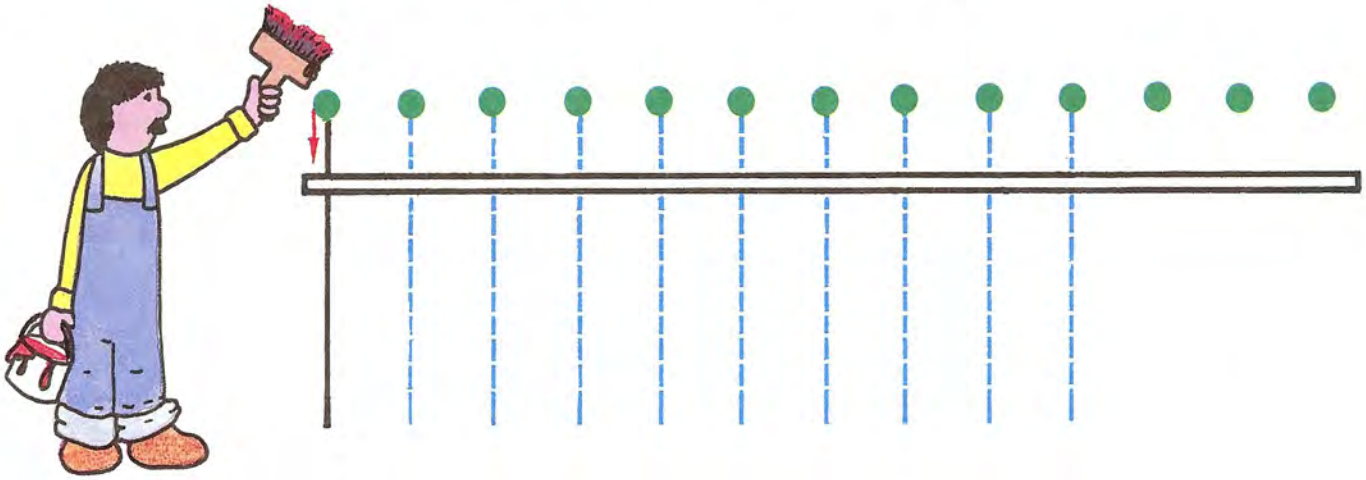


Use your crayon to draw the tracks that these creatures have left behind.

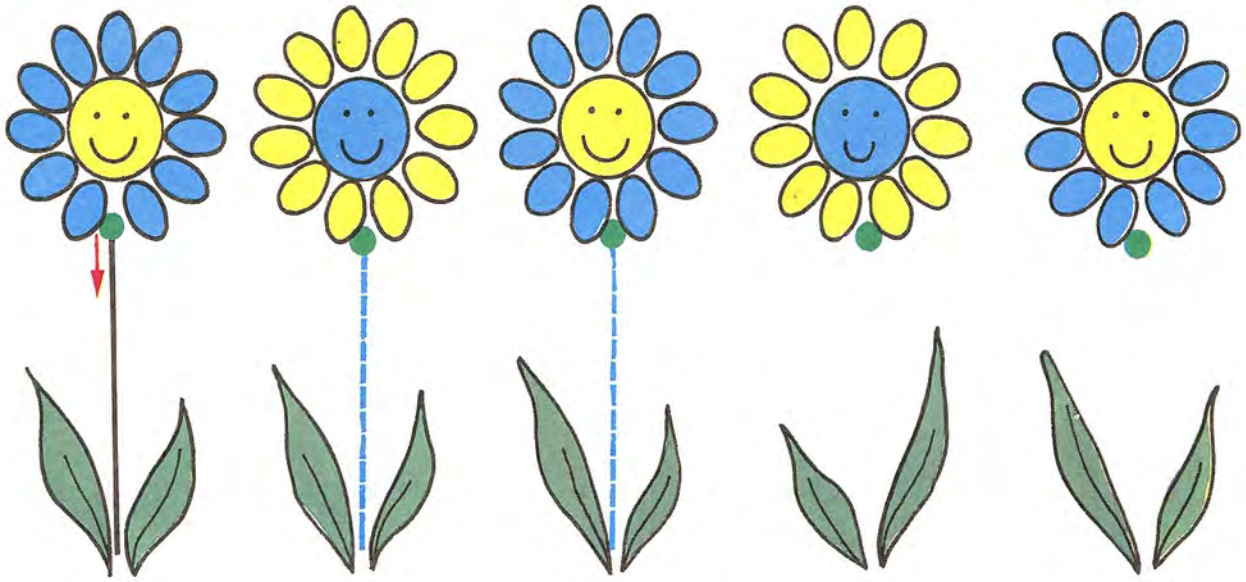
Draw over the top of the lines.



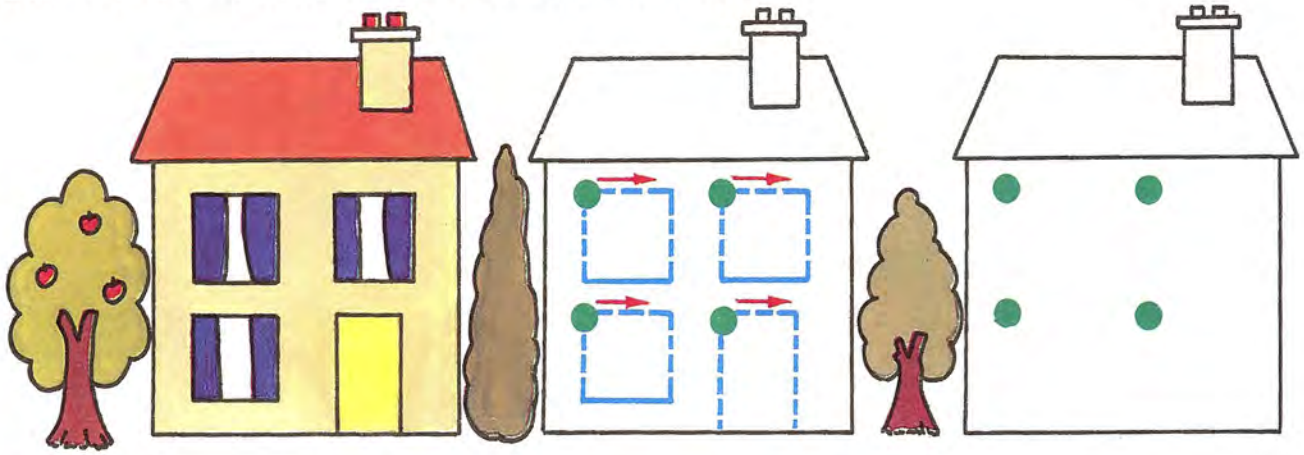
Help the man to paint his fence. Draw in all the posts.



Draw the stalks on these flowers.

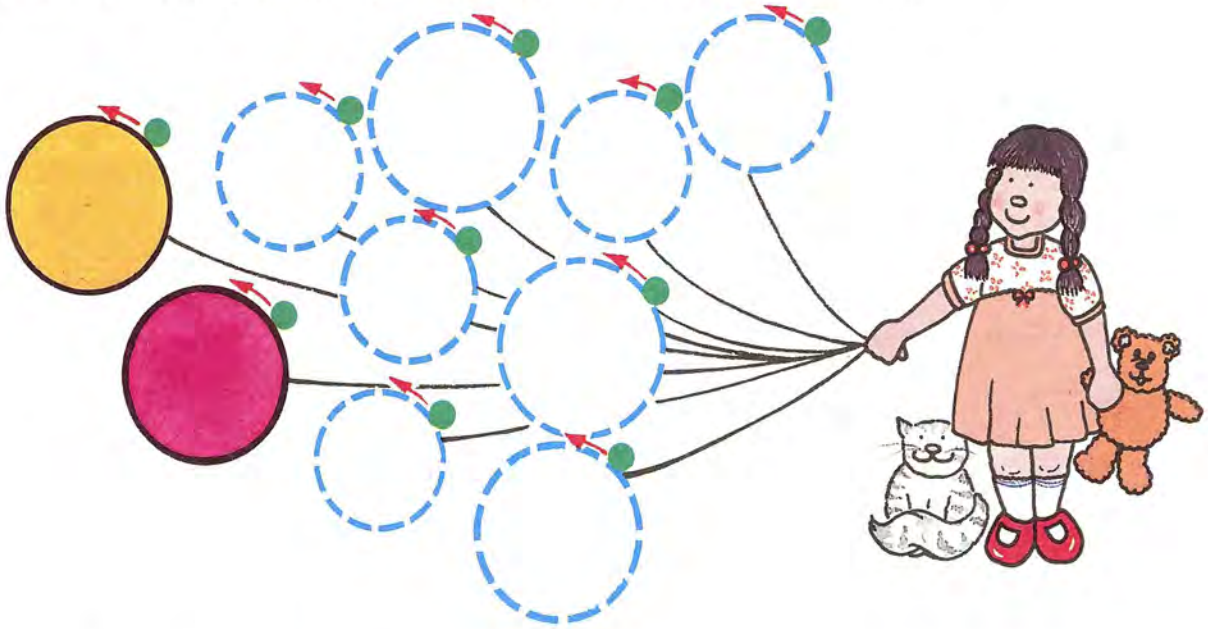


Draw the doors and windows on the houses.

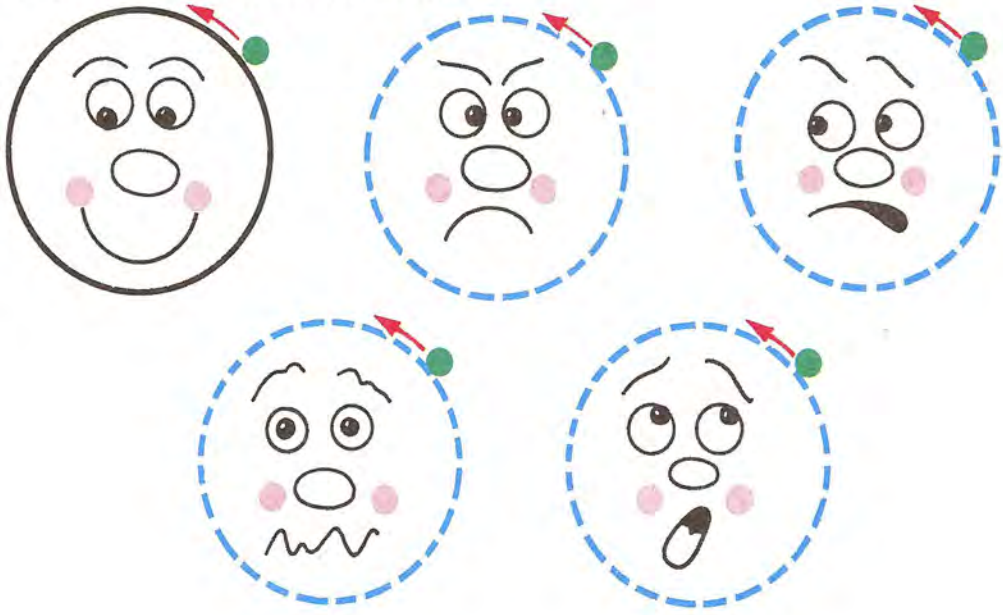


Can you draw these round shapes?

Start on the green spot and follow the dotted lines.

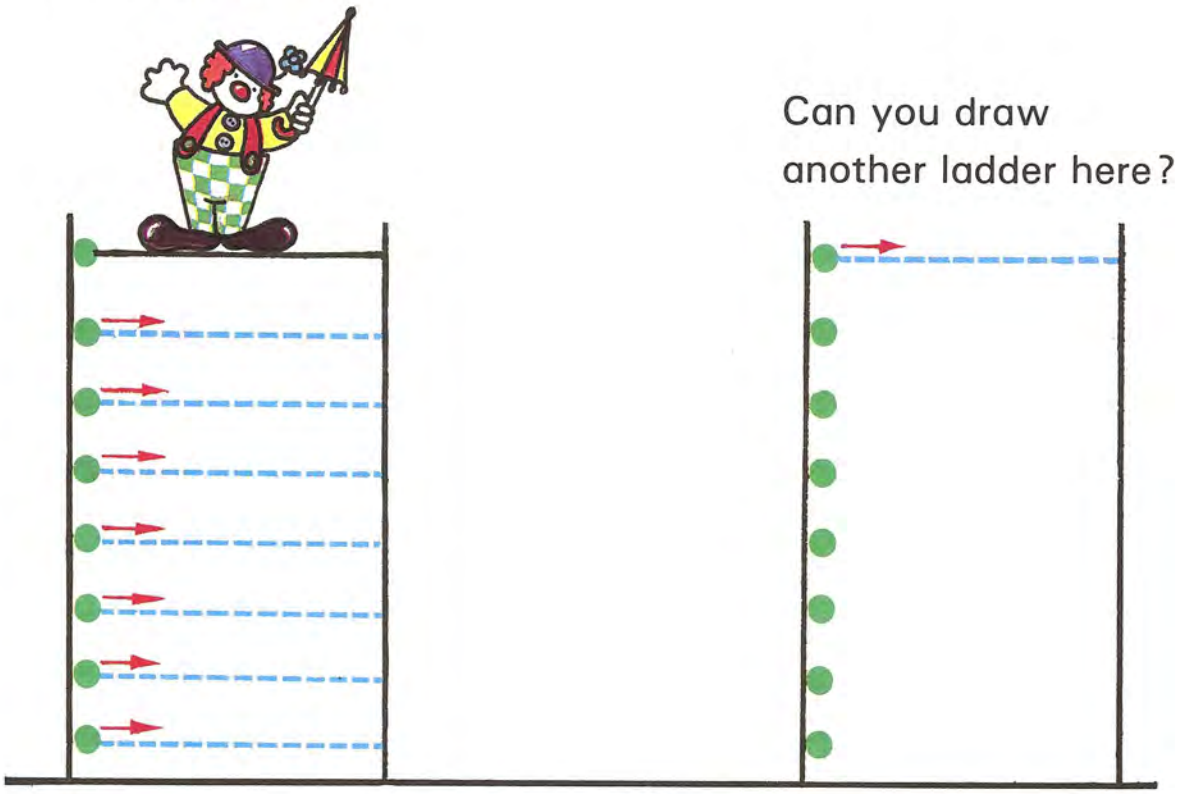


Draw the heads round these faces.



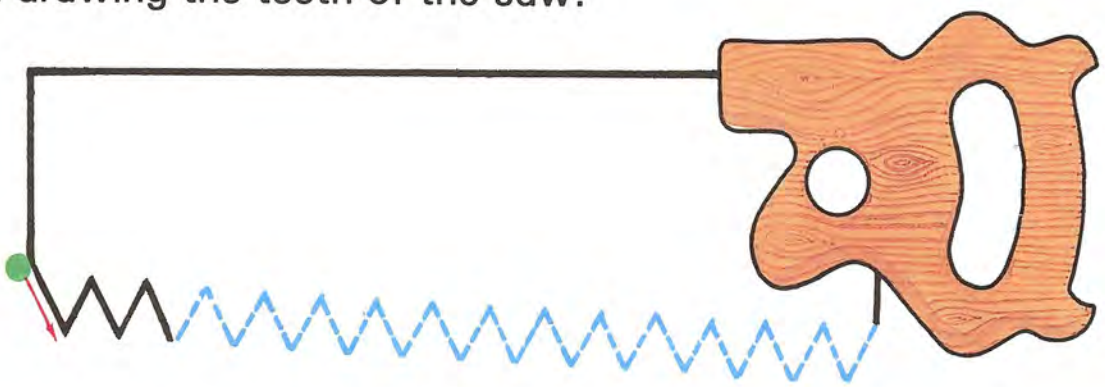
Can you draw some round shapes here?

Put the steps on the ladder so that the man can climb down.



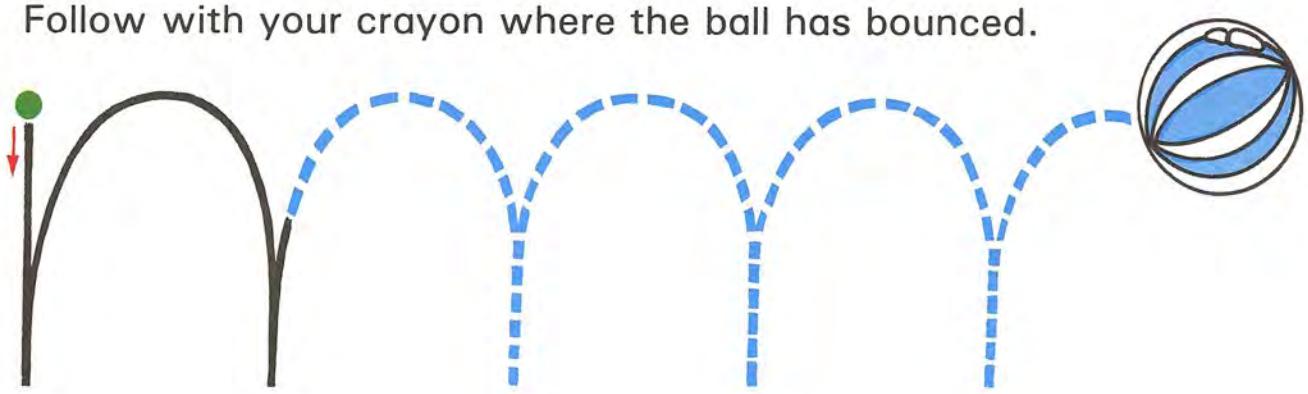
Can you draw another ladder here?

Finish drawing the teeth of the saw.

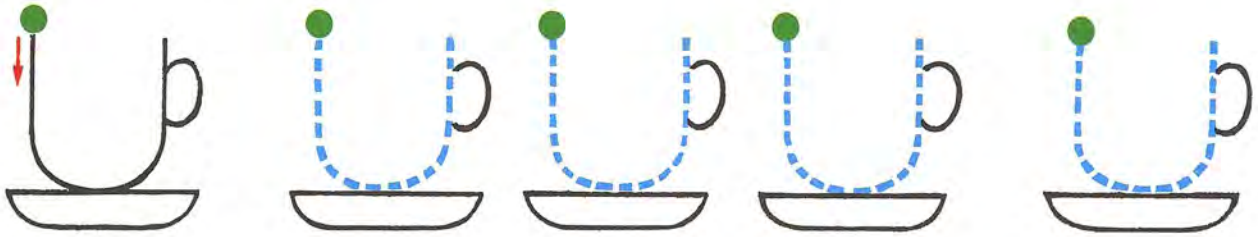


Can you draw some more patterns like this?

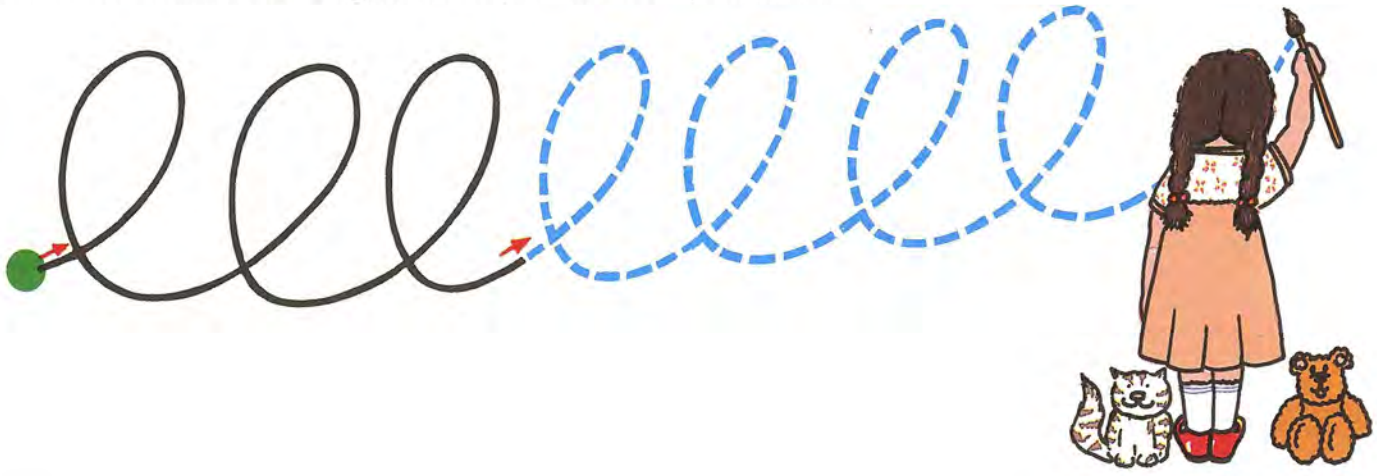
Follow with your crayon where the ball has bounced.



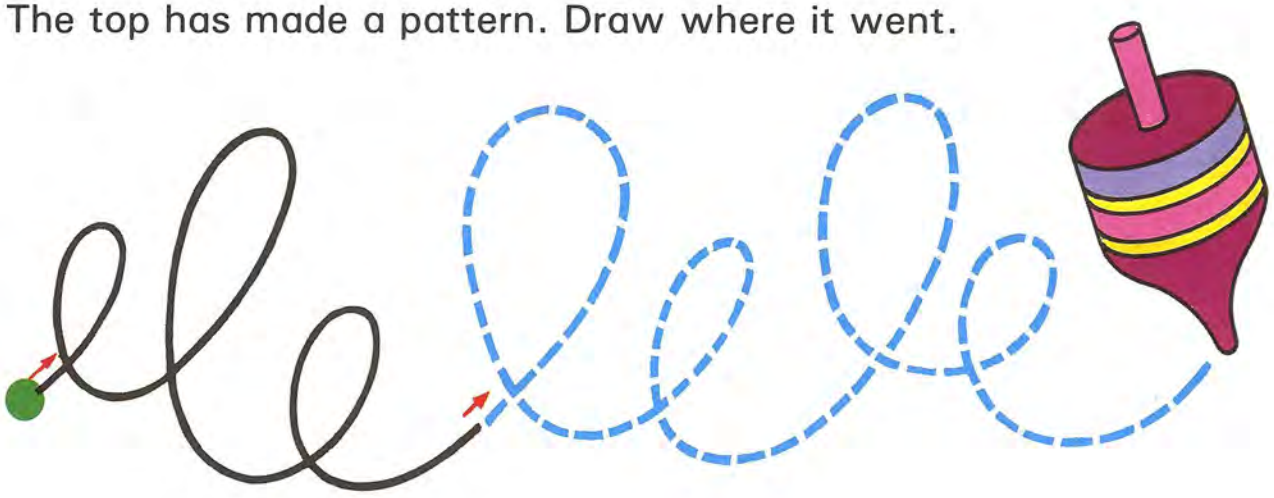
Draw the cups.



Follow where the girl has painted a pattern.



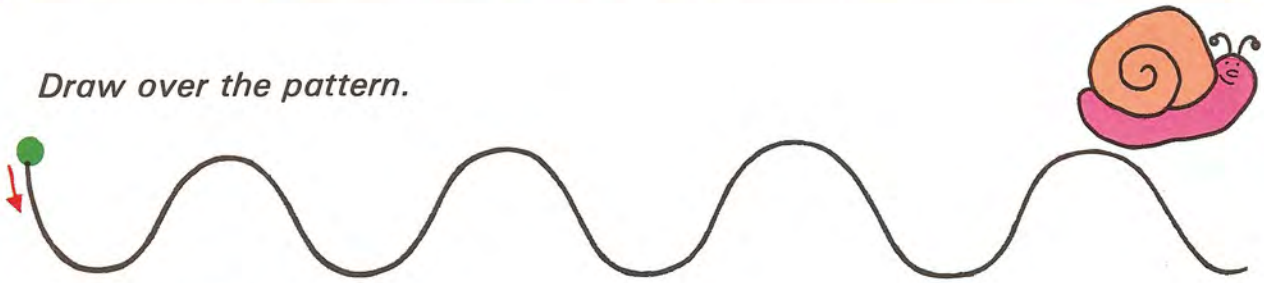
The top has made a pattern. Draw where it went.



Now practise these patterns

Remember not to take your crayon off the page until you have finished each pattern or shape. Always start at the *green* spot.

Draw over the pattern.



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Draw over the pattern.

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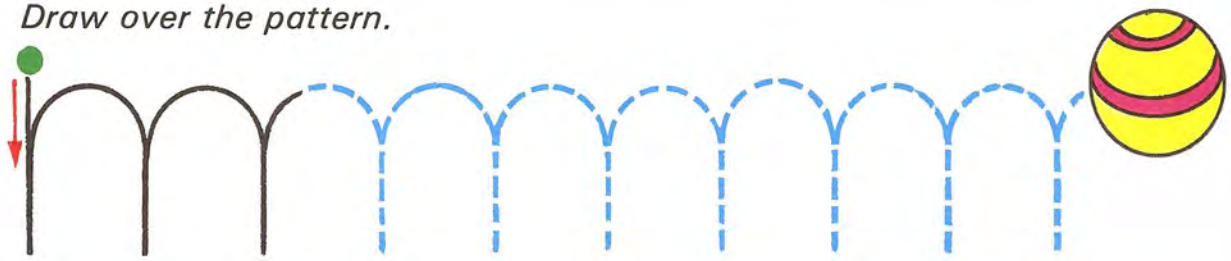

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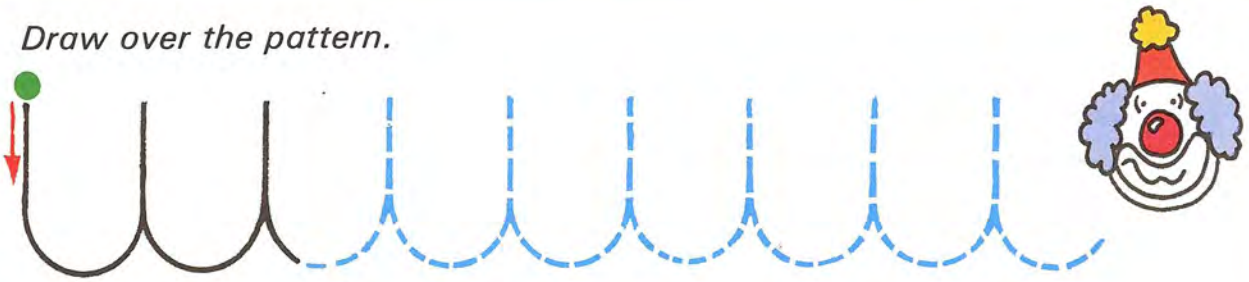
Draw over the pattern.



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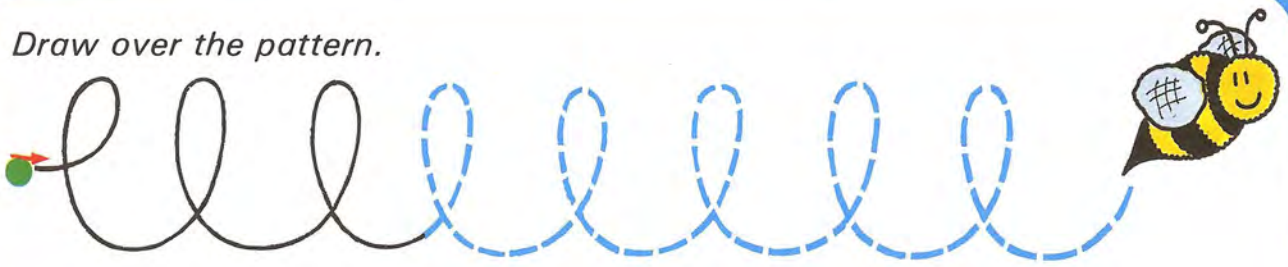

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Draw over the pattern.

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Draw another row here.

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Draw another row here.

Draw over the pattern.

Draw another row here.

Draw over the pattern.

Draw another row here.

Now we can start to draw letters

Find a pencil for these pages and remember to start drawing at the *green* spot.

Draw over the letters.

C C C C C C C C

Draw over the dotted lines.

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

O O O O O O O O

Draw over the dotted lines.

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

a a a a a a a a

Draw over the dotted lines.

Draw more letters here.

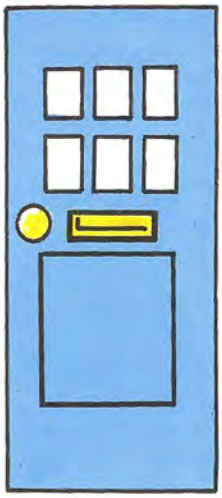
Draw over the letters.

d d d d d d d

Draw over the dotted lines.

d d d d d d d

Draw more letters here.



Draw over the letters.

g g g g g g g

Draw over the dotted lines.

g g g g g g g

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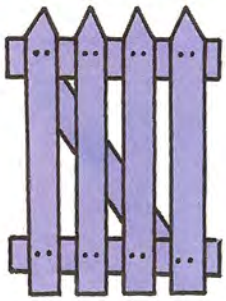

Draw over the letters.

q q q q q q q

Draw over the dotted lines.

q q q q q q q

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

b b b b b b b b

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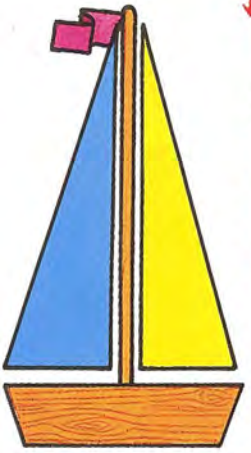
b b b b b b b b

Draw more letters here.



Draw over the letters.

h h h h h h h h

Draw over the dotted lines.

h h h h h h h h

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

p p p p p p p p

Draw over the dotted lines.

p p p p p p p p

Draw more letters here.

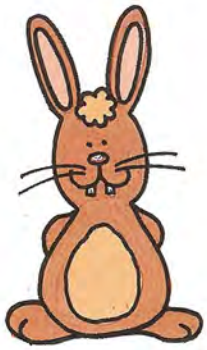
Draw over the letters.

r r r r r r r r

Draw over the dotted lines.

r r r r r r r r

Draw more letters here.



Draw over the letters.

n n n n n n n

Draw over the dotted lines.

n n n n n n n

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

m m m m m m m

Draw over the dotted lines.

m m m m m m m

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

U U U U U U U U

Draw over the dotted lines.

U U U U U U U U

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

y y y y y y y y

Draw over the dotted lines.

y y y y y y y y

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

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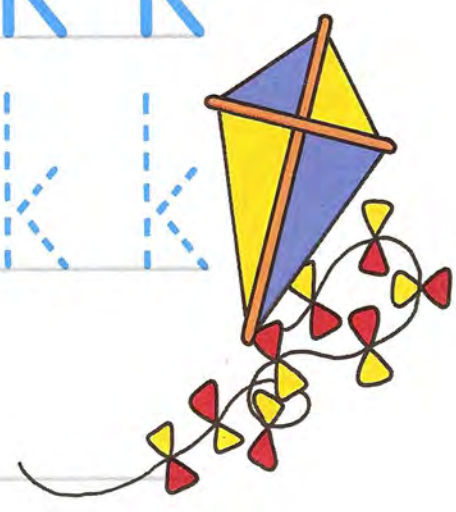

Draw over the letters.

f f f f f f f f

Draw over the dotted lines.

f f f f f f f f

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

j j j j j j j j

Draw over the dotted lines.

j j j j j j j j

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

t t t t t t t t

Draw over the dotted lines.

t t t t t t t t

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

V V V V V V V V

Draw over the dotted lines.

V V V V V V V V

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

W W W W W W W W

Draw over the dotted lines.

W W W W W W W W

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

X X X X X X X X

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X X X X X X X X

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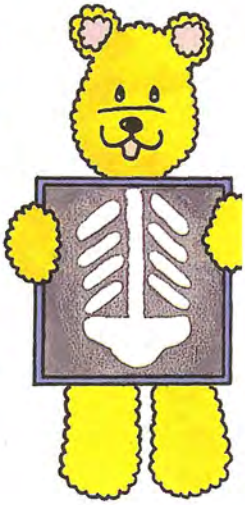

Draw over the letters.

Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z

Draw over the dotted lines.

z z z z z z z z

Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

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Draw more letters here.

Draw over the letters.

S S S S S S S S

Draw over the dotted lines.

S S S S S S S S

Draw more letters here.

Let's practise the letters again.

cocoacoacoa

You draw a row here.

dqqdqqdqqdqq

You draw a row here.

bhpbhpbhpbhp

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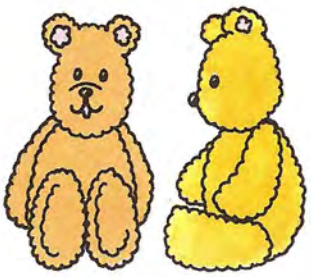

nmrnmrnmrnmr

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uyuyuyuyuyuyu

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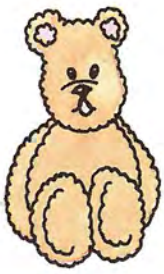

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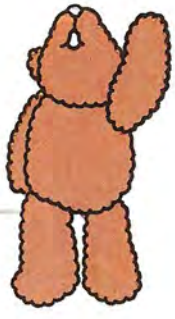
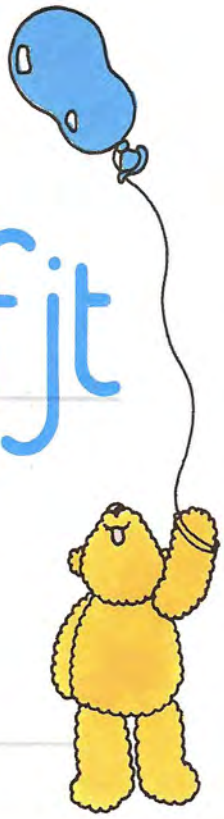




fjtfjtfjtfjtfjtfjtfjt

You draw a row here.

vwxvwxvwxvwx

You draw a row here.

zeszeszeszeszes

You draw a row here.

Here are all the letters in the right order.
This is called the *alphabet.*
Practise drawing the letters underneath.

a b c d e f g h

i j k l m n o p q

r s t u v w x y z

Here is the alphabet again.

These are capital letters. We mainly use these letters at the *beginning* of important words, like names.

Practise these letters underneath.

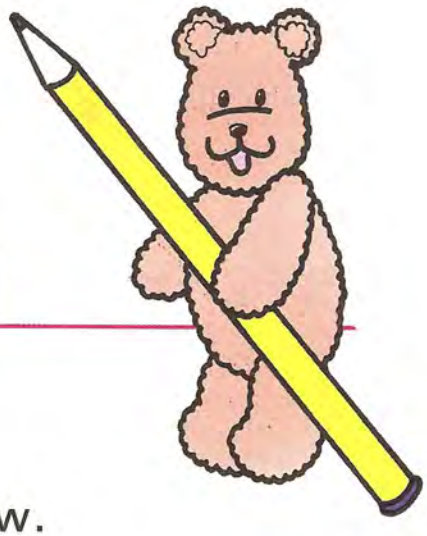
A B C D E F G H I

J K L M N O P Q R

S T U V W X Y Z

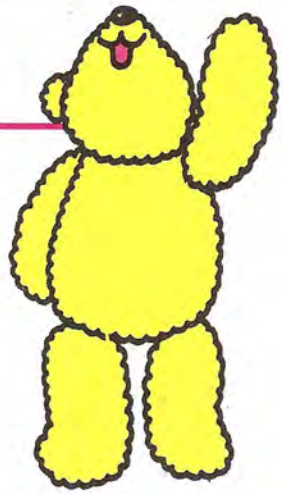
When you have practised drawing all the letter shapes you can write your name.

Here is a name.



John Smith

Ask a grown-up to write your name below.
Use capital letters only at the *beginning* of each word in your name.



Now *you* copy your name here.

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